

# Nature Center Activities

## Turkey Run State Park

Mon - Fri, October 26-30

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** - Help a naturalist put out bird seed & work in our wildlife observation area, & then watch out the windows to see who comes for breakfast! Nature Center.

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** - Enjoy a tour of tonight's constellations and planets. Hear about meteor showers, star legends & how to navigate the stars. 40-minute program at the nature center. *Reservations recommended on weekends.*

Saturday, October 31

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** - See previous listing.

***\*11am Dip A Candle!*** – 30-min.activity. Nature Center.

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** – See previous listing. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended.*

Sunday, November 1

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** - See previous listing.

***10:30am Parke County, IN*** – 25-min.video. Nature Center.

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** – See previous listing. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended.*

Monday-Thursday, November 2-5

Nature Center CLOSED

Friday, November 6

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** – See previous listing.

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** – See previous listing.

Saturday, November 7

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** – See previous listing.

***10:30am Why Did the Turtle Cross the Road*** - Join the naturalist at the nature center for a 40-minute talk to discover the purpose and beauty of a turtle. Touch a turtle too!

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** – See previous listing.

Sunday, November 8

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** – See previous listing.

***10:30am On the Wings Of The Monarchs*** – This 47-minute video shows monarch migration and gives an up-close look at these remarkable butterflies. Nature Center.

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** – See previous listing.

Monday-Wednesday, November 9-11

Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday-Friday, November 12-13

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** – See previous listing.

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** – See previous listing.

Saturday, November 14

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** – See above.

***\*10:30am The Beauty Of White-tailed Deer*** – Come to the nature center to get the inside scoop on white-tailed deer. Learn about their special adaptations and how deer play an important role in a healthy ecosystem. 30-minute program.

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

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**Earn pins, kerchiefs, patches & more!**  
**Hoosier Quest Program**  
**Sign up at the Nature Center**

Sunday, November 15

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** – See previous listing.

***10:30am Bats: The True Story*** – Join us to explore the beauty of bats and their usefulness in our world in a 35-minute video. Nature Center.

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**Parks close at 8pm today & reopen at 8am Wednesday.**

Monday-Tuesday, November 16-17

Parks and Nature Center CLOSED

***\*Deer Reduction*** – In order to maintain balance in the deer herd at Turkey Run and Shades State Parks it has become necessary to use human hunters to replace wolves and cougars, the natural hunters of deer that are now absent from Indiana. We will be closed 2 days as hunters help reduce an inflated deer population. The Parks re-open at 8am on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Wednesday, November 18

Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday and Friday, November 19-20

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** – See previous listing.

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** – See previous listing.

Saturday, November 21

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** – See previous listing.

***10:30-11:30am Pine Cone Turkeys*** – Discover our namesake, the amazing wild turkey, and make a turkey that can grace your thanksgiving décor at home! Craft takes only 10 min. Nature Center.

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*



Sunday, November 22

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***\*10am Help Feed The Birds*** – See previous listing.

***10:30am Hawk Watch*** – Discover vultures, eagles, kites and more and learn how to ID them from your car. 37-minute video. Nature Center.

***2pm Planetarium Star Show*** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*Healthy Parks – Healthy People:** Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park healthy.

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Monday, November 23

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*2pm Planetarium Star Show* - Enjoy a tour of tonight’s constellations and planets. Hear about meteor showers, star legends & how to navigate the stars. 40-minute program at the nature center. *Reservations recommended on weekends.*

Tuesday - Thursday, November 24-26

**Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!**

Nature Center CLOSED

Friday, November 27

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* - See previous listing.

*10:30am Star Clocks* – Can you tell time by the stars? Come to the nature center to make a star clock that really works! 25-minutes to make one and learn how to use it.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous listing.

Saturday, November 28

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* - See previous listing.

*10:30am All About Owls* – Gather at the nature center to meet our 3 most common owls. Learn how to talk to them so you can call them close at night! 40-minute program.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous listing.  
*Reservations recommended.*

Sunday, November 29

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See previous listing.

*\*10:30am The Beauty Of White-tailed Deer* – Come to the nature center to figure out just what makes white-tailed deer so beautiful. Learn about their special adaptations and how their beauty helps them survive. 30-minute program.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous listing.  
*Reservations recommended.*

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Wednesday, December 2

Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday & Friday, December 3-4

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*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See previous listing.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous listing.

**\*Healthy Parks – Healthy People:** Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park healthy.

Saturday, December 5

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* - See previous listing.

*\*11am Winter Bird Walk* – Come discover the huge variety of birds that brave the winter at Turkey Run during a 1-hour easy hike. Nature Center.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous listing.  
Nature Center. *Reservations recommended.*

Sunday, December 6

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* - See previous listing.

*10:30am Scenic National Parks* – Enjoy a tour of some of our beautiful national parks. 40-minute video. Nature Center.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous listing.  
Nature Center. *Reservations recommended.*



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**STAFF:**

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**For additional interpretive programs visit:**  
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

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